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SUBJECT: SUDAN'S STAND ON ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE
REF: ADDIS ABABA 0617
1. DEPARTMENT HAS PREPARED FOLLOWING PRESS GUIDANCE ON SUDAN'S STAND ON ERITREAN INDEPENDENCE TO BE USED ON IF ASKED BASIS:

A. QUESTION - DO YOU HAVE ANY REACTION TO SUDANESE PRESIDENT NIMEIRI'S STATEMENT ON JANUARY 30 THAT SUDAN WOULD NOW HELP THE ERITREANS TO ACHIEVE INDEPENDENCE?

B. ANSWER - THE USG REGRETS THE RECENT DETERIORATION OF RELATIONS BETWEEN ETHIOPIA AND SUDAN AND IS HOPEFUL THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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GOOD NEIGHBORLY TIES CAN SHORTLY BE RESTORED. WE HAVE ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS EXPRESSED OUR STRONG SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLE OF TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY IN AFRICA AS ENSHRINED IN THE CHARTER OF THE OAU. WE ALSO REGRET THAT OUR PAST EFFORTS TO URGE THE EPMG AND THE ELF/PLF TO ARRIVE AT A POLITICAL SOLUTION TO THE ERITREAN PROBLEM HAVE NOT BORN FRUIT.

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2. YOU SHOULD INFORM GOS AND EPMG AT SUITABLE LEVEL OF
ABOVE PRESS GUIDANCE AT SOONEST OPPORTUNITY.
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